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## **February 2024 Club Newsletter**

The next general club meeting is Tuesday February 13, 2024, at the Turlock Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA 95380.

The meeting's start time is 7:00 PM and the doors open after the completion of the license testing session at 6:00 PM.

**\*\*REMINDER TARC 2024 Spring Auction Saturday February 10, 2024, doors open at 7:00 AM \*\*\***



From the desk of the ARC-Over editor:  
Lucian KF6NPG

Walter KI6BPL and Bambi KI6YQL had to make an emergency trip to Utah to be with their family. Their 16-year-old grandson Anthony David Myrick unexpectedly passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their family during this difficult time. Here is a link to the obituary

<https://www.goffmortuary.com/obituaries/anthony-myrick> .

If you have not already done so, please consider renewing your club membership. Dues pay for the club activities and most importantly paying the rent and maintenance of the club repeater system. Thanks to everyone who has renewed, joined, or donated to the club.

The club auction is this Saturday February 10, 2024. Doors open at 7:00 am with the auction beginning at 9:00 am. Please refer to the attached flyer for more information. Volunteers are needed for Friday set up crew and on Saturday runners are needed, along with a clean-up crew and a talk in operator. This is a major fundraising event for the club and the ham widows. If you have any questions, please attend the meeting for more details or contact Ken KF6IDK at [kennethstillwell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kennethstillwell@sbcglobal.net) or any club officer or board member.

For those interested the Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring the Loomis Hamfest on March 16, 2024. Please refer to the attached flyer for more information.

Ed K7ERD has been running the club net on Tuesday's and he is always looking for other club members to assist. Thanks to Fernando W6FRD as he has been running some of the nets to help. If you are interested in running a club net, please contact Ed at a club meeting or on the net to let him know.



## PREZ SEZ:

Bambi KI6YQL

We are gearing up for the TARC auction on February 10 at the Salvation Army facility on Lander Ave., Turlock. There will be lots of great items available for purchase. We are opening the doors at 7 a.m., which is a big change from previous auctions. I want to thank all the members who have volunteered to set up, run the auction and thereafter take it down and clean up. Hope to see you at the auction on February 10 and then at the regular meeting night set for the 13th at 7: 00 P.M.



Amateur Radio Operators, or “hams,” have a long history of serving their communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, such as cell phone towers and fiber optic networks. Amateur radio functions completely independent of the internet and phone systems, and a ham radio station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Amateurs can quickly raise a wire antenna in a tree or on a mast, connect it to a radio and power source, and communicate effectively with others.

The ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® ARES® ([www.arrl.org/ares](http://www.arrl.org/ares)) consists of hams who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment with their local ARES leadership for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. They use their training, skills, and equipment to prepare for and provide communications during emergencies When All Else Fails®. (Courtesy of the ARRL (Amateur Radio Relay League).

If you are interested in emergency communications and serving the community, please consider joining Merced ARES. They have a weekly radio net on Mondays on the TARC repeater at 7:00 pm. **A big thanks to Dinnie N6TLW for running the voice nets.** They meet monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:00 pm at the Pizza Factory, 3146 G St. Merced, CA. For more information, please contact the Merced ARES Emergency Coordinator, Richard W6ABJ at [w6abj@arri.net](mailto:w6abj@arri.net).

### **General Meeting Minutes**

Turlock Amateur Radio Club

01/09/2024, 6:30p

Salvation Army Facility, 893 Lander Ave, Turlock

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) with 22 members and guests in attendance.

#### **Secretary's Report**

President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) entertained a motion that the minutes of the last membership meeting be accepted as published. Motion made by Walter Schmidt (KI6PBL) and seconded by Eric McMillan (K7RKU). Motion carried.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Report presented by Treasurer Mike Smith (KG6VFL). **Debits:** \$72.67 (November) and \$71.71 (December) to PGE for repeater power at Mt. Bullion. \$120.00 to Sam Gardali for D-Star power sharing. \$80.00 to Spencer Boyd (KJ6ART) for Mt. Oso power sharing, and \$20.00 for Reims NARCC 2024 dues. \$702.00 to Shelli Jerner for Christmas Dinner catering. **Total debits \$1,066.38. Credits:** \$220.00 in dues. **Total credits \$220.00. Checking balance: \$2,915.95. CD balance \$5,033.60.** 33 dues paid members.

#### **Membership Chairman's Report**

No report

#### **Repeater Chairman's Report**

Spencer Boyd (KJ6ART), NARCC dues paid for 2024, some disturbance on the repeater by an unnamed individual - please don't acknowledge the issue on the air or engage the individual.

#### **ArcOver Publisher's Report**

Lucian Thomas (KF6NPG), Discussion re: Winter Field Day - see ARRL website

### **Vice President's Report**

No report

### **Merced ARES Report**

No report

### **VEC Report**

No report

### **Old Business**

- Discussion of Auction - Ken (KF6IDK)
  - Auction setup - Friday 02/09/2024, 2:00p
  - Doors open - Saturday 02/10/2024, 7:00a
  - Auction starts - Saturday 02/10/2024, 9:00a
  - Volunteers solicited for help with various positions.

### **New Business**

- Offer from Carl Wheeler (KE6FOA) re: any interested in Winter Field Day, planned location at Turlock Airport (aka, Ballico International Airport)
- Memorial contribution for Maxine Mooneyham (KA6CYN)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm. Motion by Ed Darrah (K7ERD), second by Eric McMillan (K7RKU). Motion carried.

Eric McMillan (K7RKU), Secretary



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## On Going Events

[Electronics Flea Market](#) at West Valley College in Saratoga. Once a month on the second **Sunday**.

**The club will sponsor 5 amateur radio license test sessions in 2024.**

February 13, 2024, April 9, 2024, June 11, 2024, August 13, 2024, and October 8, 2024.

## February

2024 Spring Auction Saturday February 10, 2024, at 9:00 am, doors at 7:00 am. The auction will be at the Turlock Salvation Army 893 lander Ave. Turlock, CA.

Club meeting Tuesday February 13, 2024, at 7:00 pm. There will be a license testing session at 6:00 pm before the meeting. We will have a presentation by Tim Scott WI6NG on POTA (Parks on the Air).

## March

Club meeting Tuesday March 12, 2024, at 7:00 pm. There will be a presentation on local area repeater systems by Mark N6ARP.

Loomis HamFest Saturday March 16, 2024, from 7:00 am to 11:00 am. For more information go to [www.hamfest.w6ek.org](http://www.hamfest.w6ek.org).

## April

Club meeting Tuesday April 9, 2024, at 7:00 pm. There will be a license testing session at 6:00 pm before the meeting. The presentation will be on go boxes. Bring your go box for show and tell with the group.

## May

Club meeting Tuesday May 14, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Presentation TBD.







## TURLOCK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB SPRING 2024 AUCTION

Saturday February 10, 2024, Doors open at 7:00 am and auction starts at 9:00 am

Turlock Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA 95380

Talk in TARC VHF Repeater 147.030+ pl 100.0

This auction features the estates of K6IXA Grady Williams and KI6PR Mike Siegel.

Coffee and donuts in the morning and Lunch (Sloppy Joes, chips, salad, and water) provided by the Turlock Salvation Army at no cost. **Donations are appreciated.**

Please check the Turlock Amateur Radio Club website (click on the auction tab) for updates at [www.w6bxn.org](http://www.w6bxn.org) . You will find on the web site:

- Auction guidelines
- Pictures of the equipment for auction

Payment can be made with credit card, check, or cash. There is a bidding paddle fee of \$5.00.

**Payment for auction items is not taken until the end of the auction.**

# THE FIRST HAM SWAP OF THE YEAR IS COMING!



## BTH ANNUAL ***LOOMIS HAMFEST***



Join the Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club for HAMFEST 2024!

Get your gear, grab your wallet, and get ready for a super swap.  
We'll have coffee and donuts, awesome prizes,  
Elmer tours, a test table, presentations, and so much more.

SAVE THE DATE: March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

More information can be found @ [hamfest.w6ek.org](http://hamfest.w6ek.org)

Sellers need to bring their own tables, chairs, pop-ups, generators (no shore power available)  
No equipment will be provided.

**SELLERS \$10**  
Setup at 0600

**FREE ADMISSION  
AND PARKING**

**TALK IN FREQUENCY  
146.535**

### When

Saturday, March 16, 2024  
0700 to 1100 Hours

**PRIZES COMING SOON**

### Where

Historic Loomis Train Depot  
5775 Horseshoe Bar Rd, Loomis

## PAST SUPPORTERS



Special thanks to:  
Brian Gohl (AI6US)  
Jeff Morgan (KM6RGO)  
Aaron Bond (W1ATB)  
for your donations.





## TARC System Nets

- TARC Tuesday Night Net - Tuesdays 7 PM, except for the second Tuesday
- Bacon and Eggs Net - Weekdays 7 AM
- Merced ARES Net - Mondays 7 PM
- San Joaquin Section ARES Net - Sundays 7:30 PM

## 2024 Dues

Just a reminder, dues are now payable for 2024. Dues help with upkeep on the TARC repeater system and club events. Please include a [membership application](#) to help keep our information up to date. Thanks!

- Individual Membership: \$25
- Family Membership: \$35

Are you receiving TARC emails? If not [head over to W6BXN.org](http://W6BXN.org) and subscribe.

## 2024 Club Officers

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We are always looking for articles or items of interest for the ARC-OVER. If you have something for the newsletter, please send to Lucian KF6NPG at [kf6npg@aol.com](mailto:kf6npg@aol.com).

